

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger

Chuck Brooks

Florence Frei

Barbara Krantz

Suzanne Kravitz

Steve Pizzollo

Jim Purcell

Jim Ryder

Justin Stottlar

Youth Councilors:

Ashlin Brooks

Callie Thompson

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Andrea L. Coaxum

Police Chief:

Steve Hillias

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert (absent)

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone (absent)

Park and Recreation Director:

Carolyn Hanel

Borough Solicitor:

Nathan Fox

Press Representatives:

Daily Intelligencer

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Purcell convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was David Boone of 506 South Main Street who told Council about flooding and drainage issues he is having on his property.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jim Ryder announced there would be a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 5:00 PM to discuss the 2015 budget.

Tax Millage-Fire Truck Referendum

Perkasie Fire Chief Dave Worthington was present to discuss the fire company's funding needs over the next few years which include purchasing of a new fire truck, capital improvement projects such as a back-up generators, wireless key entry system for the fire house, as well as a sprinkler system and insulation improvements.

Councilmembers discussed the option of putting a question on the November ballot to ask residents if they would be willing to support a 0.5 mill increase of real estate taxes for the purpose of funding

fire department services.

Councilman Stottlar recommended that Council consider delaying the referendum for a year to allow more time to educate the public, and also suggested breaking the full and half mill increases into two separate items on the ballot.

It was the general consensus of Council that the Solicitor draft a resolution and referendum for consideration at the September 15, 2014 Council meeting,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for August 2014.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for August 2014.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

Borough Council accepted the August Code Inspections, Inc. report, Permit Activity Report, the monthly report of permits issued, and the Property Maintenance (Service Request) report for August.

Request for Waiver Sugarbush Sidewalks

This matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Park and Recreation Director Report

The Committee accepted the Park and Recreation Director's report for August 2014.

EVENT PERMITS AND PARK RESERVATIONS

Park Reservation Request-Penn Foundation

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a park reservation request from Penn Foundation to reserve the Menlo Park Pavilion on October 24, 2014 from 9:30 AM TO 11:00 AM.

Event Permit Application-Pennridge Homecoming Parade

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved an event permit application for the Pennridge High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 24, 2014 beginning at 5:30 PM at the Perkasio Fire House and ending at Pennridge High School.

Event Permit Application-Walk MS 2015

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved an event permit application for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold its annual walk event in Lenape Park on April 25, 2015 from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Park Facility Reservation-Dise Family Event

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the Dise family to reserve the Menlo Park Pavilion for a family event on August 2, 2015 from 12:00 PM to dusk.

Donation Request-Guth Elementary Home and School Association

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the donation of 6 free daily passes to the Menlo Aquatic Center for the 2015 season to Guth Elementary Home and School Association which has their Race for Education event on October 17, 2014.

Event Permit Application-Pennridge Crop Walk

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved an event permit application for the annual Pennridge Crop Walk scheduled on October 12, 2014 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Proposed Park and Recreation Impact Fee

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized the circulation of the Park and Recreation Impact Fee Ordinance to the Borough's Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission, and authorize a public hearing to be held at a future Perkasio Borough Council meeting.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Matt Aigeldinger reported he would be attending the next Perkasio Olde Towne Association meeting held on September 8, 2014.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Justin Stottlar announced the next meeting of the Constituent Outreach Committee would be held September 9, 2014 at Borough Hall beginning at 7:00 PM.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Police Chief Hillias announced that the next Quality of Life Task Force meeting and the Perkasio Town Watch meeting will be combined and held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion on Request for Proposals-Police Protection Services (East Rockhill Township)

Borough Council reviewed a Request for Proposal from East Rockhill Township for Police Protection Services. Chief Hillias was present and recommended the Borough decline the police service proposal. He thought it would be prudent to stay focused on police coverage for both Perkasio and Sellersville Boroughs. Council supported the Chief's recommendation and agreed to decline the offer.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Fox announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss the S.F. Day Land Use Appeal and would not be reopening the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary